

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 3, 2004

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:05 P.M.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Senior Minister Greg Tatum of the First Christian Church.
 - B. Pledge – The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: John Brown, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Ann Devore, Rob Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting – Martha Myers moved to approve the corrected minutes from the last meeting and Ann Devore seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Second reading was given to an Ordinance entitled Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 6, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 18,000 SQUARE FEET OF PROPERTY, LOCATED AT 803 WASHINGTON STREET IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, FROM B-2 (COMMUNITY BUSINESS) TO B-3 (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT).” (803 Washington Rezone) Laura Thayer, Acting Plan Director, presented the request for rezoning the area from B-2 to B-3 since the property in question is adjacent to B-3 businesses. John Brown asked for an explanation of the uses of B-3 verses B-2. After little discussion, John Brown moved to approve and Rob Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2004, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (OSR Inc.) Vicky Gochenour introduced Akiko Yukimoto of OSR and Mr. Kiyohito Minegishi, Executive Vice President of OSR, Inc. OSR asked for tax abatement in the amount of \$ 245,000 in order to purchase new machinery equipment. With the purchase of this equipment, 2 new jobs will be created. This machinery is necessary due to the fact that OSR, Inc. received a new contract with Toyota. Craig Hawes reported that the Incentive Review Committee met and OSR, Inc. was found to be in substantial compliance. Craig Hawes moved to approve this 2nd tax abatement to OSR, Inc. and Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.
 - B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2004, A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE CAPITOL EXPENSE FUNDS IN THE 2004 AVIATION BUDGET.” Rod Blasdel indicated that the Aviation Board wanted an additional appropriation

in order to purchase a new irrigation system for ground that they lease for farming. George Dutro moved to approve the resolution. Ann Devore seconded it. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1.

- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.7, 2004, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” Chuck Wilt along with Ed Curtain, Parks Department, explained why they had two resolutions before the Council. Chuck Wilt explained which Resolution he would like to see passed, and Ed Curtain explained that packaging projects would save the city money. George Dutro asked about the window study being done on the Commons Mall. Chuck Wilt reported that the study was not completed. Martha Myers made a motion to pass the resolution approving the full amount requested. Ann Devore and Craig Hawes seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

III Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. Fire Chief Gary Henderson along with Michelle McDonald, the Medic Billing Clerk, shared with the Council the 12 month summary on billing. They explained about assignments and write-offs. Presently there is a 76% collection rate. John Brown indicated that this program was one that served the taxpayers well.

Mayor Fred Armstrong reported on the personnel policy concerning performance evaluations. He indicated that each department is different and that there is no city wide department policy.

- B. The next scheduled meeting of the Common Council is February 17th at 5:30 PM at the Cal Brand Meeting Hall. The Mayor’s State of the City Address will be given at that time.
- C. Adjourn – Martha Myers moved to adjourn. August Tindell seconded. The motion to adjourn passed 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 PM.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer